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HISTORICAL MONUMENTS IN PUNJAB
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of protected monuments located in Punjab;

(b) the amount spent on the maintenance of the said monuments during the last three years;

(c) the revenue earned by the Government from the said monuments during the above period; and

(d) the norms for declaring any structure as protected monuments?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a) There are 31 monuments/sites in Punjab which have been declared as of national importance as per list at Annexure.

(b) The amount spent on conservation, preservation, and maintenance of these monuments during the last three years is as under:

2004-05	Rs.66.21 lakhs
2005-06	Rs.62.26 lakhs
2006-07	Rs.91.83 lakhs

(c) The details of revenue earned from these monuments in Punjab during the last three years is as under:

2004-05	Nil
2005-06	Rs.30,000/-
2006-07	Rs.35,000/-

(d) The Ancient monuments are protected and declared as of national importance as per section 4(1) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 .`Ancient Monument` means any structure, erection or monument, or any tumulus or place of interment, or any cave, rock-sculpture, inscription or monolith, which is of historical, archaeological or artistic interest and which has been in existence for not less than one hundred years, and includes-
(i) the remains of an ancient monument,
(ii) the site of an ancient monument
(iii) such portion of land adjoining the site of an ancient monument as may be required for fencing or covering in or otherwise preserving such monument